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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, UN

SUBJECT: TERRORISM -- POSSIBLE CONVENTION ON TAKING OF  
HOSTAGES

REF: BRUSSELS 3860

1. DEPT FULLY AGREES WITH POSITION TAKEN BY EMBOFF PARA 4  
REFTEL. WE HAVE FEAR THAT INTRODUCTION OF NEW CONVENTION  
ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME COULD HAVE  
DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON CHANCES FOR ADOPTION OF CONVENTION ON  
PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS AT THIS FALL'S GA. MOREOVER, IF  
BELGIANS DO NOT INTEND TO INTRODUCE DRAFT UNDER TERRORISM  
ITEM, IT UNCLEAR WHEN THEY INTEND TO INTRODUCE IT OR WHAT  
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PROCEDURAL HANDLE THEY INTEND TO USE. WE HOPE NO FINAL

DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BY GOB AND WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY FURTHER TO CONSIDER MATTER HERE AND CONSULT WITH GOB. IN ADDITION TO THIS, WE WOULD ALSO HOPE GOB WOULD CONSULT WITH GROUP OF FRIENDLIES IN NEW YORK ON STRATEGY AND TIMING BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO MAKE ABOVE POINTS TO GOB. AMBASSADOR MAY WISH, IF HE FEELS IT APPROPRIATE, TO CALL DAVIGNON CONCERNING THIS MATTER IN VIEW OF AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH DAVIGNON JULY 11.

3. WE ARE, OF COURSE, ANXIOUS TO SEE TEXT OF BELGIAN DOCUMENTS AS WE REGARD IDEA OF CONVENTION ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES INTERESTING ONE WITH POTENTIAL MERIT AND WORTHY OF SERIOUS WORK ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL AND TACTICAL PROBLEMS. REGARDLESS OF OUR DOUBTS RE TIMING OF INTRODUCTION, WE WOULD BE HAPPY PROMPTLY TO PROVIDE GOB WITH OUR DETAILED COMMENTS ON TEXT. (PARA 3 REFTEL DOES NOT MAKE FULLY CLEAR TO US EXACTLY HOW BELGIAN DRAFT CONVENTION WILL ACCOMPLISH ITS ENDS.) ROGERS

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